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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the present procurement policy, the purchase of weapons are being delayed abnormally;

(b) if so, the details of the present procurement policy and the reasons for delay;

(c) whether the Government proposes to remove the bottlenecks in the procurement system; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): Procurement of Defence equipment by its very nature is a complex and intricate process. The Government constantly endeavour to expedite and accelerate the acquisition process. But in certain cases involving complex equipment, the process takes additional time to conduct technical evaluation, staff evaluation and trials where required. Defence Procurement Procedure, 2002 (Version June, 2003), lays down the steps that are required to be followed in regard to the procurement of equipment and weapons etc. The procedure is constantly reviewed by the Government with a view to modifying and streamlining the procedure as also to address any practical difficulty which the Services may face in the acquisition of required defence equipment.